

SUMMARY

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

October 1, 2007

6:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street,
Carrollton, Georgia**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on October 1, 2007 in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Pro-Tem Rusty Gray called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Members present: Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer and Mayor Pro-tem Rusty Gray. Mayor Wayne Garner absent.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Byrd offered the invocation.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

IV. MINUTES (September 10, 2007)

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Gray to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed (4-0, Mayor Garner absent).

PROCLAMATION

At this time, Councilmember Byrd read a proclamation declaring October 23 through October 31, 2007 as "Red Ribbon Week in Carrollton in support of the Red Ribbon Campaign which encourages neighbors, co-workers, friends and families to make our community aware that "REAL LIFE IS DRUG-FREE".

V. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Bank Bids

City Manager Coleman advised that bid invitations for banking depository services were sent on August 15, 2007 to financial institutions located in the City. The invitation to bid specified the requirements that must be met in order to be considered by the City to be the provider of its depository banking services. Also, the invitation to bid required each financial institution to identify the rate of interest (referenced against prime rate) it would pay on invested City balances in each account. Other financial indexes such as T-Bill rates, LIBOR, etc. were accepted and considered by the City in evaluating bid proposals. A review of each bank's proposal reflected that they met all of the requirements set forth by the City in its invitation to bid. CM Coleman reported that staff had evaluated the interest rate proposals, and it would appear that B B & T would have the most competitive bid. However, CM Coleman noted that staff took into consideration the 10% reserve requirement (amount deducted from available balance for interest earnings computation) and calculated several interest accrual scenarios. In comparing the interest earned with B B & T's rate of 4.93% with a 10% reserve requirement to the First National's 4.75% with no reserve requirement, the First National proposal earned more interest for the City. While the difference was immaterial for lower invested balances (\$1,000,000), it could be material on higher invested balances (\$5,000,000) which the City does carry for several months during its fiscal year. CM Coleman recommended that the City award its depository services contract to First National Bank of Georgia for the five (5) year period beginning November 1, 2007. **Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Balega to award the City's depository services contract to First National Bank of Georgia for the five (5) year period beginning November 1, 2007. (Motion passed 4-0, Mayor Garner absent).**

2. Resolution 10 – 2007 City/County Real Estate Sales Agreement

CM Coleman advised the Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilmembers of the “**REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT**” with Carroll County in regards to the Carroll County Courthouse project. As discussed previously, the agreement provides that the City of Carrollton shall convey to the County the property across the street from city hall, commonly known as the Carroll Mills Property and the property that the City purchased from Mr. Chester Roush, along with the small parking lot purchased from the Tisinger Law Firm. This agreement also provides that the City shall have the first right of refusal should the County ever decide to sell or dispose of the College Street Annex property. The Carroll County Commission has already unanimously approved this agreement at a special called meeting of September 13, 2007. City Manager Coleman advised that should we decide to move forward with this agreement, the City will be relieved of any and all further responsibility regarding parking for the Courthouse project. City Manager noted that also for consideration is **Resolution 10-2007**, which provides the City Manager with authority to complete the transaction as specified in the agreement. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to move forward with City/County Real Estate Sales Agreement and adopt Resolution 10-2007 to provide the City Manager with authority to complete the transaction as specified in the Agreement. (Motion passed 4-0, Mayor Garner absent.)** At this time, City Manager Coleman stated that Mayor Garner had wished it to be known that he was in favor of the agreement.

3. Carroll County Water Authority Update (Councilmember Balega)

Councilmember Balega provided an update on the operations of the Carroll County Water Authority as follows:

1. Administrative Office Acquisition - The Authority has acquired an office and warehouse facility located off of Old Bremen Road (Atlanta Gas Light Building) that will be used for an administrative and maintenance facility.
2. Snake Creek Reservoir Outlet Structure Modification – Project will allow discharge of water from the Snake Creek Reservoir at varying depths to help in preventing the release of water high in iron and manganese concentrations.
3. Water Supply - The Snake Creek Reservoir is approximately 26-inches below normal pool as of July 19th.
4. Highway 27 to Bonner Goldmine Road Water Main Extension – Project includes the installation of approximately 9,000 LF of 12-inch water main from Lowell Road to Bonner Goldmine Road. The project should improve the Authority’s ability to transmit water to the south and west portion of Carroll County.
5. Highway 27 to Lovvorn Road Water Main Extension – Project includes the installation of approximately 43,500 LF of 12-inch water main from US 27 at Bowdon Junction Road to Lovvorn Road at Wynn Road. The project will bring a larger water main by the West Georgia Regional Airport and Mt. Zion Elementary School (currently under construction) to increase fire flows in these areas
6. Mutual Aid Agreements – The Authority has recently entered into mutual aid agreements with Heard County and Haralson County Water Authorities.
7. Water Treatment Plant Generator – Project includes installing a 1,000 KW diesel generator at the Water Treatment Plant to provide power to the plant and clearwell pumps during an extended power outage.

4. Appointment: Library Board (1)

City Manager Coleman advised that Mr. Jim Cooper, Director of the West Georgia Regional Library, has indicated that Mr. Roy Johnson’s term on the Carroll County Library Board has expired. In addition, City Manager Coleman noted that Ms. Cyle Bohannon, 112 Spring Street, Carrollton has been suggested as a possible appointee to fill the vacancy. Ms. Bohannon has indicated a willingness to serve on the board if appointed. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Balega to appoint**

Ms. Cyle Bohannon to a term on the Library Board (term expires 06/30/10). (Motion passed 4-0, Mayor Garner absent.)

VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Byrd expressed appreciation to City employees and the community for the donations and response to assisting CAFI's Headstart Program following the vandalism last month.

Councilmember Balega stated he was very pleased with the work performed on the sidewalk outside City Hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gray congratulated Carroll Star News Reporter and Carroll County Chairman Candidate for his success leading to the run-off for the position and wished him the best of luck.

Councilmember Maierhafer expressed appreciation to Councilmember Balega for all his efforts on the Carroll County Water Authority.

VII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CM Coleman announced the City had issued a press release informing the public of the State of Georgia EPD's Level 4 (four) drought restrictions for North and portions of Central Georgia.

CM Coleman reported that unfortunately the Bradford Pear trees located on the property where the parking deck was to be constructed could not be saved as previously requested.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.